

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A radio pager comprising:

display means for selectively displaying a number of received information sent by broadcasting; and

selecting means for allowing a user of said radio pager to select by rotating a rotary switch as a jog dial, either one of an ascending order in which the received information are sequentially read from an oldest one to a newest one or a descending order in which said received information are sequentially read from said newest one to said oldest one.

2. A radio pager as claimed in claim 1, further comprising setting means for rearranging the received information in a preselected storage area on the basis of an information number, a confirmation flag, and a content to there by allow the user to search for any desired information first by turning said rotary switch in combination with inputting a command in an interface means.

3. A radio pager as claimed in claim 2, wherein assuming that said storage area is capable of storing  $n$  different information, and that the user has confirmed  $m$ —the information ( $1 < m < n$ ), said setting means replaces on receipt of  $k$  ( $n < m + k$ ) information, first information to appear when the user performs confirmation later and a display order of said information.

4. A radio pager as claimed in claim 1, wherein said selecting means comprises:

receiving means for receiving a radio wave sent by broadcasting to thereby output a demodulated signal;

control means for alerting the user to receipt of a call and executing control for causing the received information to be displayed in the ascending order or the descending order in accordance with a user's operation of said rotary switch, interface

means and control for allowing the user to search and select said received information in any desired order;

storing means for storing an address number assigned to said radio pager beforehand and storing the received information;

alerting means caused by said controller to alert the user when a received address number is identical with the address number stored in said storing means; and

operation control means for feeding to said control means a signal for causing the received information stored in said storing means to be read out in the ascending order or the descending order in accordance with a direction in which the user turns said rotary switch and operation of said interface means.

5. A radio pager as claimed in claim 4, further comprising a key section connected to said control means and interface means allowing the user to search and select for any desired received information first by turning said rotary switch.

6. A radio pager as claimed in claim 4, wherein said operation control means comprises:

an identifying section for identifying the direction of rotation of said rotary switch and sending a pulse for each angular position of said rotary switch;

a switching section for setting either one of the ascending order and the descending order;

an adding section for adding pulses output from said switching section and feeding a resulting pulse addition signal to said control means to thereby read and display the received information in the ascending order; and

a subtracting section for subtracting pulses output from said switching section and feeding a resulting pulse subtraction signal to said control means to thereby read and display the received information in the descending order.

7. A radio pager as claimed in claim 1, wherein the received information include personal information including a telephone number to be called back by the user and a

personal message, and shared information including news and weather forecast available with information services.

8. A radio pager as claimed in claim 1, wherein said rotary switch includes an operating portion protruding from a side of said radio pager.

9. A radio pager as claimed in Claim 1, further comprises an interface means for receiving a command to confirm, select, rearrange or delete numerous stored information.

10. A radio pager as claimed in Claim 1, further comprises an interface means for selecting at least one notification means so as to alert the user of the receipt of a call or new shared information.